

### AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as indicated below.

The invention relates to a method of identifying symbols in a portable electronic device comprising: a screen, a contact surface and a contact area for symbol creation located in the contact surface area. The method comprises detecting ~~(302)~~ the start of a symbol creation function; enlarging ~~(304)~~ the size of the contact area for symbol creation after the start of the symbol creation function and interpreting ~~(310)~~ a symbol created in the enlarged contact area for symbol creation. The invention also relates to a portable electronic device comprising: a screen, a contact surface and a contact area for symbol creation. The device comprises means ~~(100, 106)~~ for: detecting the start of a symbol creation function; enlarging the size of the contact area for symbol creation after the start of the symbol creation function and interpreting a symbol created in the enlarged contact area for symbol creation.

(Figure 3)